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Two more industrial rows, but it's all over in hours

SINGAPORE, Tuesday

ANOTHER two industrial disputes broke out in Singapore today — but were settled within hours.

One of them — a work-to-rule by 130 butchers at the Jurong Abattoir early this morning — left most housewives without pork for the day. Only 100 pigs instead of 1,000 were slaughtered.

The other was a walkout at 10 a.m. by 250 workers at the Monfair Optical factory at Sims Avenue in Geylang following the dismissal of four women.

Meeting

The workers in both disputes were not unionised, but by the end of the day most of the 250 Monfair workers had signed up for membership with the Singapore Industrial Labour Organisation.

The Monfair industrial action was settled after the management agreed to reinstate the four dismissed employees.

The settlement was reached at a two-hour meeting at the Labour Ministry.

Work at the factory will resume tomorrow.

No details of the abattoir dispute were available.

But housewives will again have to go without pork tomorrow — the butchers' off-day, Wednesday, in lieu of the usual Monday. Last Monday was a Chinese thanksgiving festival.

According to the Monfair workers, their management had been unreasonable in dismissing their four colleagues.

Compensation

The factory had told workers in a last-minute notice last Saturday to report for work on Sunday, a normal off-day. This was to compensate for loss of production from the three-day Chinese New Year factory closure.

One of them said: "Because of the short notice given, some of us were caught unawares and did not turn up.

"Yesterday the management dismissed one worker for being absent, and three more this morning."

Shortly after, the workers arrived at the SILO office to fill in membership forms.

They are to meet the management at the Labour Ministry again on Thursday to discuss union representation.

Monfair workers arriving at SILO's office in Upper Serangoon Road this morning.

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ACCOUNTANT CLEARED OF SHOPLIFTING CHARGE

SINGAPORE, Tues. — A $45,000-a-year accountant from New Zealand, Karl Eduard de Ross, was today cleared of a charge of shoplifting a wallet worth $11.50 from John Little's Supa Save department store in Raffles Place.

Karl, who was on holiday here, told the court: "I had no intention of leaving the store without paying.

"I was walking towards a restaurant facing the store on the same floor hoping to get a drink, when I was stopped by a security officer and accused of stealing."

Reasonable doubt

Karl, 50, said that he had no idea he had crossed the threshold of the store when he approached the restaurant on Jan. 27.

Karl said that after he put the wallet into his briefcase he did not close the briefcase.

"I was proceeding with further intended purchases when I noticed the restaurant signboard, and was wondering whether tired customers could get a drink before continuing with their shopping."

In acquitting and discharging Karl, the magistrate, Mr. Chandra Mohan, said that there was a reasonable doubt in the case.

Big Boss hero Bruce slips through unnoticed

SINGAPORE, Tues.—The hero in "The Big Boss" sat in Paya Lebar airport's transit lounge last night—alone and unrecognised.

The scores of fans who had turned up at the airport failed to catch a glimpse of their new screen idol because they didn't know he was in the lounge, which is out of bounds to the public.

They waited and waited till about 10 p.m. but in vain. A check with airlines later revealed that the man in transit named Bruce Lee had already boarded his aircraft and left for Bangkok.

Bruce who plays the title role in "The Big Boss" is on his way to Hong Kong where he will start a new cinema company called Concorde—a satellite firm of Golden Harvest Film Company there.

Golden Harvest representative for Singapore and Malaysia, Mr. S. Y. Kong, said he was not informed about Bruce's stop-over here.

But, he said, it was quite understandable why his fans had missed him because Bruce now looked different—he sports a moustache and a beard.

TWO WOMEN KILLED IN ROAD MISHAPS

SINGAPORE, Tues. — Two women were killed in accidents yesterday.

They were Madam Chen Toh, 73, of New Market Road and Madam Poh Ah Ho, 71, of Sungei Tengah Road, off Chua Chu Kang Road.

Madam Chen was knocked down by a motor cyclist at 4 p.m. at the junction of Crawford Street and Kallang Road.

She died in hospital at 11 p.m.

Madam Poh was walking along Chua Chu Kang Road when she was knocked down by a car at 8 p.m.

She died on arrival in hospital.

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Ling-Temco-Vought Aerospace Corporation, the giant U.S. conglomerate, is looking into the possibilities of investing in such facilities here.

The centre, if set up, will provide maintenance and repair operations on LTV aircraft—Corsairs and Crusaders which are mainly used by the US Navy.

The manager of LTV's Bangkok office, Mr. George Budway, said here that the firm's vice-president, Mr. Yvon O. Heckscher, is expected to visit Singapore near the end of the month.

Mr. Heckscher will have discussions with the EDB and other government officials.

Mr. Budway, who arrived yesterday to prepare for Heckscher's visit, said: "LTV Aerospace is also interested in airport development, transportation systems and the development of other technologically-oriented industries."

SAF exercises in eight areas

SINGAPORE, Tues.—The Singapore Armed Forces will conduct military exercises in eight training areas from tomorrow to Feb. 14.

The areas are:

Marsiling — from 6 a.m. tomorrow to midnight and 8 a.m. on Thursday to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Mandai Forest Reserve —6 a.m. tomorrow to 1.30 p.m. on Friday.

Tampines/Ulu Bedok and Harvey Avenue — 9 a.m. tomorrow to midnight on Saturday.

Tuas/Loyang — 9 a.m. tomorrow to 5 p.m. on Thursday, 6 a.m. to midnight on Friday and 1 a.m. on Saturday to midnight on Sunday.

Chua/Lim Chu Kang—6 a.m. on Thursday to midnight on Friday.

Maju Camp Training Area—9 a.m. to midnight tomorrow, noon to 6 p.m. on Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. to noon on Feb. 14.

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A new image Bruce Lee?

By ARTHUR RICHARDS

HAS Bruce Lee decided to switch his method of fighting — from fists to old Chinese weapons?

No, not just yet, but maybe very soon, he told the Sunday Times through the Golden Harvest representative here, Mr. S.Y. Kong.

This picture shows Bruce trying out a new role, with Chinese clubs, which he is seriously considering accepting.

Just as swashbuckling hero Wang Yu has switched from swords to fists Bruce is looking forward to branch out. "But it's not my intention to rival anyone," he said.

"If and when I take part in sword fighting films, my aim would be to improve their box office records. The attraction would not be my appearance in period costumes, but that the script is good and there are lots of action.

"These are the ingredients which have a common international appeal," he added.

And he knows what he is talking about. His first success was "Big Boss" where he skillfully displayed his own art of self-defence called Jeet Kun Do.

The film broke box-office records in both Hong Kong and Singapore.

His second film "Fist of Fury" which was released in the British Colony recently has set a new all-time high—netting HK $3.2 million to date, $1 million more than "Big Boss."

But whether it's Chinese clubs or sword, they will not be entirely new weapons to Bruce.

"I have used them before, and to me they are an extension of the fist and leg actions," he said.

"Chinese martial arts is like a tree with so many branches. The basic method is all the same. Accuracy, speed and style are the three things which help to get you an appreciative audience."

He added: "I think those who has seen my fist fights will welcome a change. So I'm anxiously waiting for the chance."

The Theatre

THE sudden death of Owen Evans last month is a sad loss to The Stage Club and a grief to his many friends in Singapore.

Owen was the club's most talented actor and a joy to work with on the boards. A member of 16 years' standing, he arrived in this country in 1956 and was first seen in September of that year in "June."

Two months later he played the lead in "Present Laughter" and in May the following year was seen in Emlyn Williams' thriller, "Someone Waiting."

The club's first production in the newly-built Cultural Centre was "All for Mary" in Aug. 1957, and in this comedy Owen played one of the two male leads.

Pantomime

Owen's dramatic talent was not confined to one particular genre. He was superb as Mr. Borner in William Wycherley's Restoration comedy, "The Country Wife" in Sept. 1958, and brought the house down every night at the Victoria Theatre as Lord Fancourt Babberley in "Charley's Aunt" in Dec. 1959.

"Nude with Violin," in March, 1960, gave him the opportunity of portraying the lead part of Sebastien Lacreole (the suave manservant) which he performed "par excellence" and his handling of Sakini in "The Teahouse of the August Moon" in July, 1961, was unforgettable.

He was also seen as Mortimer in "Arsenic and Old Lace" in Dec. 1960; and made a lasting impression as Oberon in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in March, 1962.

Owen loved playing in pantomime — Captain Hook in "Peter Pan" (Dec. 1961), the Demon King in "Cinderella" (Dec. 1964), Abusan in "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves" (last December) which was his last performance on the Singapore stage.—MERRY ANDREW.

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From hatred her feelings for the young journalist turns to love.

But her father Mr. Choudhry (Ashok Kumar) is against the relationship.

Like all capitalists, he first tries to buy out the integrity of the journalist and when he fails he tries force, intimidation and threats.

But all ends well as the father learns to respect Anoop and accepts the new era that is taking place.—K. S. SIDHU.

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France angers world

THE Government, despite a barrage of world protests against its explosion of a nuclear device over Mururoa Atoll, remained silent today on the outcome of yesterday's blast.

The Defence Ministry, sticking to its policy of total silence throughout the international furore over the tests, refused even to confirm if the explosion had taken place.

A ministry spokesman said: "I know nothing about this subject for the moment. I have no comment to make."

The explosion sent a pink-tipped mushroom cloud towering high above the Pacific.

The blast signalled the start of a controversial new series of French atmospheric tests at Murora.

First word that the series had finally got under way came in a radio signal from the New Zealand frigate Otago, whose defiant voyage into the test area — at times within sight of the remote atoll — had dramatically symbolised the world movement of protest.

PARIS, Sunday

The crew of the frigate, clambering on deck a few minutes after the blast at 9.00 a.m. Mururoa time, saw the cloud blossoming into its typical mushroom shape, rising through a layer of cumulus and then slowly dissipating.

Well-informed sources in Paris said last month that France was unlikely to explode a megaton-size device and this seems to have been confirmed by observers yesterday.

Cdr. Alan Tyrrell of the Otago, 22 miles from Mururoa, described the blast as puny in comparison to the 1950 British explosion on Christmas Island. It is believed to have been a little over five kilotons in strength.

David Barber, the New Zealand Press Association staff correspondent on the Otago, reported there was doubt for a moment whether the device had been detonated.

Cdr. Tyrrell, one of only five people on the bridge, saw the flash out of the corner of his eye but could not see a fireball at first, Mr. Barber reported.

But within a minute the red-orange fireball could be seen lifting above the layer of cumulus cloud, and within seconds the cloud was forming in the sky.

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A huge mushroom cloud rises from the Pacific atoll of Mururoa. This picture was taken from the New Zealand frigate Otago. — UPI radiophoto.

'Don't discriminate against WELCOME supermart'

PREMIER WARNS SUPPLIERS

MR. LEE KUAN YEW warned yesterday that any wholesaler who discriminated against the National Trades Union Congress's consumer co-operative, WELCOME, would be bucking not only the labour movement but the Government.

The Prime Minister said: "Any wholesaler who withholds popular or fashionable goods in great demand from this co-op supermarket, to give it to his pet retail network, will be bucking not only the labour movement but also the Government.

"Any goods found in any other supermarket can and will be found in this supermarket, if buyers want them."

Mr. Lee, who was officially opening WELCOME, was confident that in the next two to three years, given hard-headed management, buyers from this supermarket should get back five to 10 per cent every year on their purchases.

Failures

He recalled that several consumer co-operatives after the war in the late 1940s and early fifties had failed.

This was because, firstly, they did not have professional and efficient management. Secondly, wholesalers were not keen to break their own network of retailers. "So they kept fashionable goods in great demand only for their retailers, withholding these goods from the co-ops.

"Thirdly, the co-op shop did not have enough support from our people. They then lacked the spirit of community effort to protect community interests."

Different

The Prime Minister said: "This co-op supermarket must be different. It is going to be efficiently managed just like any commercial supermarket — competitive prices, good display of items housewives want, strict control on shoplifting, and proper accounting to show a clear profit.

"This will attract more customers and many will

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Six-month Odyssey for new craft to Mars

MOSCOW, Sun.— The Soviet Union announced today that it had sent an interplanetary probe streaking towards Mars on the stage of a six-month space journey.

Mars-4 was launched last night at 10.31 p.m., Tass news agency said.

The main purpose of the new space launch was to continue scientific exploration of Mars and the space around it begun by previous Soviet probe in 1971, the agency said.

'All go'

"All the systems and apparatus of the automatic interplanetary station are functioning normally," Tass said.

It was the first successful Soviet Mars launch in over two years, succeeding similar flights in the last six months of 1971 by Mars-2 and Mars-3 when the Soviet Union ejected a television capsule which soft-landed on the Martian surface. — Reuter.

Hijack jet refuelled after 'no' to release of hostages

DUBAI, Sunday

THE Japan Air Lines jumbo jet held here by pro-Palestinian guerillas was refuelled today at the hijackers' request.

The Boeing-747 was refuelled after the failure of a second appeal by Sheikh Zaid bin Sultan, president of the United Arab Emirates, for the release of the women and children among the 140 hostages on board.

There was no indication that the hijackers planned an early take-off. But they did call for lunch to be brought out to the plane.

New name

Reporting Sheikh Zaid's appeal to the hijackers, a Dubai official spokesman said that during radio exchanges between the control tower and the aircraft, the guerillas gave a new name for their group—"The Sons of the Occupied Territory Organisation."

The plane's tanks were nearly dry after its long journey over Europe and the Middle East before it finally landed at Dubai early yesterday. It had been seized shortly after leaving Amsterdam for Tokyo.

When a British Petroleum tanker was seen

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200 hurt in clashes

NEW DELHI, Sun.—More than 200 people, including 40 policemen, were injured in clashes between police and demonstrating farmers in the town of Karnal, north of here last night.

Police used batons and teargas to break up the protesting mobs. Over 600 people were arrested.—Reuter.

Bruce ill for two months before his death

HONGKONG, Sun. — Bruce Lee had been seriously ill for two months before his death last Friday night, Hongkong film producer Raymond Chow said in an interview published here today.

"Last May, he had some kind of a seizure and was unconscious. It was a severe attack and he was taken to hospital," said Mr. Chow, a close friend and associate of Bruce.

Mr. Chow told the South China Morning Post that doctors took about two-and-a-half hours to revive him. The popular actor of kung fu fighting fame, was in a critical condition for several days.

A secret

The Post said the family and friends kept the actor's illness "a closely-guarded secret."

It also quoted a close friend of the actor, whose action movies made him an international superstar, as saying Bruce neither drank nor smoked but took vitamin pills daily for the past few years.

He said Bruce was "a fairly quiet person — perhaps a little lonely."

14 killed in crash

HONGKONG, Sun. — Fourteen people were killed and 20 others injured today when a bus plunged into a ravine on an outlying island here.

The bus went off the road and plummeted down the 30ft ravine on Lantao island, frequented by holiday picnickers and hikers.—Reuter.

Ravine drop: 19 dead

NEW DELHI, Sun.—Nineteen people were killed and six injured when a lorry plunged into a 300-ft. (100 metres) ravine last Thursday in a lonely area near the Himalayan foothill town of Dehra Dun, the Times of India reported today.—Reuter.

Rugby fight

PORT MORESBY (New Guinea), Sun.—Thousands of Papuans and New Guineans battled in the streets here today after Papua defeated New Guinea 41-19 in the annual inter-territory rugby league match.—Reuter.

Bid to save blaze ship fails

PORT KLANG, Sunday

ALL efforts to save the 8,000-ton British cargo ship, m.v. Calchas, were abandoned at 4 p.m. today when the fire spread to its upper decks.

Three tug-boats — Kampar, Langat, and Morib — which had been fighting the fire since morning retreated when the decks were engulfed in flames.

The ship's 52 crew including its master, Capt. I.D. Jackson, who had stayed on board earlier to help fight the fire, also abandoned ship.

Till late tonight, the ship was still burning, throwing up columns of thick smoke while firemen and crew watched helplessly.

No one hurt

No one was injured. The cause of the fire is not known.

Damage to cargo is estimated to be "millions of dollars."

The vessel, belonging to Blue Funnel Line, had loaded 325 tons of rubber and other cargo before the fire broke out early this morning.

It had docked at Wharf Four in South Port yesterday afternoon when it sailed in from Singapore to pick up 1,084 tons of rubber and other goods, and to discharge 18 tons of general cargo.

And 330 tons of latex were to have been pumped in before she sailed.

The fire was first spotted in Hatch No. 2 at about 4 a.m. when cargo handling operations were in progress.

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End martial law call to Marcos

MANILA, Sun. — President Marcos acknowledged today he had received a petition from 12 leading citizens seeking an end to martial law to ensure free choice in the referendum scheduled for Friday.

Under threat of imprisonment, all citizens over the age of 15 are required to vote on the question of whether Mr. Marcos should continue in office when his four-year term expires in 1973.

Mr. Marcos immediately referred the petition to the citizens assemblies. The assemblies will discuss the points raised by the 12 citizens and vote on them.

Presidential spokesman Francisco Tatad said at a news briefing tonight that President Marcos will ratify the assemblies' decision on the proposals. — NYT.

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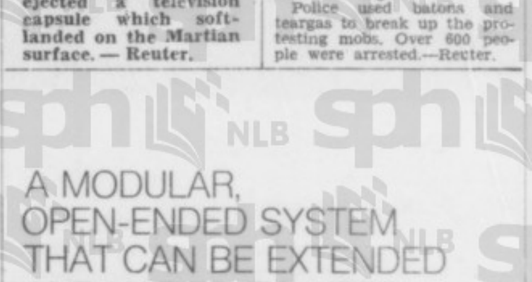

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Robbed man's rampage

NEW YORK, Sun. — A man angered over being robbed took a .22 calibre rifle today and shot the first four persons he saw on the streets of Queens borough. One man was killed and three others wounded.

The assailant was arrested. He told police he went home to get a rifle after someone robbed him. — UPI.

LATEST

COUNCIL THREAT TO QUIT

CAIRO, Sun. — Members of the Libyan Revolutionary Command Council have threatened to resign en masse unless the council's president, Col. Muammar Gaddafi, withdraws his resignation, according to Tripoli Radio monitored by the Middle East News Agency.

The threat came in a statement issued by the council and broadcast by the radio. — Reuter.

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